

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION OF FILE

DATE January 27, 1986

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On January 9, 1986, Dave Cavender called this office at 3:45 p.m. to report a spill at the MFA bulk plant at 2738 E. Kearney. Dave said that MFA had called their office in Jefferson City to report the spill of 300 to 400 gallons of #2 diesel fuel. Steve Short and I went to check on the spill. We met Paul Scott of MFA, at the MFA office on Kearney. Mr. Scott said that a fuel line from the bulk storage building to the service station had broken and the fuel had gone under Kearney Street into the storm ditch that goes around the Holiday Drive Inn. He said that they had put hay in the ditch and that Stoddard Equipment had come out, closed off the line and pumped out the remaining fuel in the line. Doug Schroeder, the plant manager, came back to the office at this time. He said that Stoddard was going to come out and repair the line on Friday morning. Steve and I followed the storm ditch on the Holiday Drive Inn property and through the field behind the drive-in. There was a lot of oil in the storm ditch, especially in the spots where the ditch curved.

Steve and I suggested to Mr. Schroeder that they use some of our absorbent pads to soak up the oil in the ditch as he wasn't sure he could get more hay at that time of night. I brought out a bag of pads and suggested he start from the farthest end of the spill and work his way back to where the hay was. I also suggested that Friday afternoon or Monday morning he pick up the pads that are full of oil.

On January 10, 1986, Gene and I swung by MFA and looked at the hay in the storm ditch. I called John Witherspoon at the CU lab and informed him of the spill as it is in CU's watershed. That afternoon Gene and I walked the creek behind the Holiday Drive-Inn property and found diesel fuel farther down from where MFA had placed the pads. We followed the creek down to I-44 and it appears that the creek is a losing stream. There was no flow present at I-44, but there was diesel fuel present in the ice in a couple of holes in the creek bed. It appears that the spill has been going on for some period of time. We contacted Mr. Schroeder and told him he needed to put out some more hay. He said he had used 65 of our pads. He also said that he had found a leak in the diesel fuel line but that it was a small one and they were going to look for a bigger one. I called Dave Cavender at 3:20 p.m. to inform him what we had found out about the spill. He didn't have any further clean-up suggestions and wanted to know they had gotten most of it. I called John Witherspoon about the spill. He said that this area drains to Valley Water Mill and that they would be watching for it there.

On January 21, 1986, Gene and I walked the creek through the second property behind the drive in. Part of the pads were full of oil and needed to be picked up. The water in the ditch looked pretty good except for a few areas where there was a diesel scum on top of the water. On January 23, 1986, I called Chuck Kroeger to ask his advice on what MFA could do with their oily pads when they picked them up. Chuck said that it would be acceptable to dispose of them to the landfill, but if oil was dripping out of them, they should try to recover it.

We went to MFA to tell Doug Schroeder that he needed to pick up the pads filled with oil. He wasn't there at that time.

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On January 24, 1986, I talked to Paul Scott at MFA on the phone about the spill. He said that they had found the leak in the line near the elbow where it turned to go toward the pumps. He said the leak had been fixed but the concrete hadn't been poured over it yet. I recommended that they pick up the oily pads before it rained, and also recommend picking up as much of the hay as possible and putting the clean sorbent pads over the oily spots on the creek.

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